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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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1. I have known and dealt closely with @ FRIESEN for about a year and a half. During this time in his relations with [] he has progressed from being coldly reserved to warmly cooperative. I attribute this mostly to the facts that previously he was relatively new to UPSWING headquarters and that little attention was paid to him. He has learned in a thoroughgoing way that the support which KU-BARK is able to render is highly valuable, not only in a strict professional sense, but also as an aid to him in his desire to rise within the organization. The work that we have done together has generally been conducted in an air of mutual understanding and sympathy for the problems posed by our respective services. In the future, I feel that @ FRIESEN will continue to be one of the more cooperative members of the CE section in UPSWING.

2. I have discussed with [] on several occasions the possibility which remains in [] mind that one of the former members of GV L might be a Soviet penetration of UPSWING today. (These suspicions have been or will be reported separately by []. They are based on his analysis of the ALBERT flap and the LILI MARLENE case.) Speculation has on more than one occasion centered on @ FRIESEN. While there is no evidence to indicate that @ FRIESEN is in any way an opposition agent, there are certain things which give rise to further consideration. For instance: @ FRIESEN's apartment in Munich is considerably larger than one would expect of a medium-rank official; it is in a fashionable area of the town and in a choice ground-floor location. Added to this is the physical evidence within the apartment of the money which @ FRIESEN must have; i.e., modern refrigerator with deep freeze, expensive furniture, etc. My speculation heretofore has always been that @ FRIESEN had been able, towards the end of the war, to get some money of his own out of Germany and safely deposited in a Swiss bank. I have no evidence to back this theory up; however, it would appear to be the most logical. It is doubtful that @ FRIESEN had much money from his family since he chose to become a career police official. On the other hand, it is not inconceivable that he was able to save and that he had the sagacity to salt the money away at the right time.

3. In considering the possibility that @ FRIESEN is a penetration, one cannot disregard the facts that he was a member of GV L and that in traces on file with ODOPAL there is derogatory information about him. The probable source of this information was ALBERT. (In this connection, it must be noted that @ FRIESEN has made semi-jocular references both to [] and to me about the file which we hold on him. From these statements it may be implied that @ FRIESEN is fully aware of the fact that we have considerable background on him and is anxious to get some clue about the nature of this information.) Another aspect which cannot be forgotten is that, if [] theory is correct and there does exist a penetration of UPSWING at a relatively high level, there is a good chance that the penetration may be found in the group of people with whom ALBERT worked. Among these were not only @ FRIESEN, but also his "dutz-Freund" @ CRAMER, @ SCHUSTER, and various

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other persons both inside and outside the headquarters compound who occupy responsible positions. It is interesting to note that @ FRIESEN maintains informal and unauthorized contact with at least 6 CFAHER. When @ FRIESEN is on the road, he spends most of his spare time cultivating his contacts in various official bodies, such as the local police. He is likewise in close and presumably rewarding contact with CAHANJO. Whereas there may be a perfectly innocuous explanation for the absence of @ FRIESEN from his hotel room in Berlin on the night of 27 and 28 February 1957, when I was assigned to "guard" him, it is also interesting to note that @ FRIESEN had a ready-made alibi in the form of two movie tickets which he produced immediately when I questioned him about his whereabouts.

4. Personality-wise, there is probably little of significance which is not already known about @ FRIESEN. He was born and brought up in Dresden by what one would probably consider a normal middle-class family. He chose to enter the Kripo and attended the Criminal Police School near Charlottenburger Schloss in Berlin. Upon graduation, he was sent to the field and, according to him, purely by chance ended up in Amt VI of the RSHA. His story is that he happened to be in Berlin and available one day when SCHELLENBERG went to the Kripo headquarters and levied a requirement for 20 bodies. During the war he worked mostly on positive operations against Switzerland; he has never admitted to me that he had anything to do with the North Pole operation in Holland, but states that he was a POW in the Netherlands and still has friends there. After the war, he remained in the West and was able to locate his wife and mother-in-law. He spent considerable time under interrogation by the British, and there is a suspicion that at one time he served as a British agent. Following this phase, he took up the study of law at the University of Bonn, which, however, he broke off for an unknown reason. His next occupation was working in the Kaiser Ministry, specializing on matters dealing with the East German Volkspolizei. From there he apparently made the jump to UPSWING.

5. @ FRIESEN appears to be wholly devoted to his work. He is more than willing to interrupt an evening, a weekend, or a vacation in order to attend to an urgent matter concerning one of his operations. While it is hard to assess, my guess would be that his work is something that he feels requires more of his attention than does his family; on the other hand, this is not to indicate that he is not deeply involved emotionally with his wife and children. @ FRIESEN at the moment is attempting to buy a plot of land in the Bavarian Alps where he eventually will build a summer house. One of his greatest and most often-expressed desires is that his son have the opportunity to travel abroad while he is still young and impressionable. Specifically, @ FRIESEN wants the boy to spend at least one summer vacation touring Britain; he also would like to have him spend a year in the U. S. at some time before he is completely mature. His explanation for this is that he wants his son to grow up fully aware of the problems and thoughts of people outside Germany. @ FRIESEN says that given this opportunity, he himself and perhaps even the leaders of the Nazi party probably would never have been so fool-hardy as to make war.

6. @ FRIESEN has never expressed himself particularly strongly politically. My guess would be that he would vote CDU, although he claims to be apolitical in the tradition of the German Civil Service. Internationally, he pays the usual lip service common to UPSWINGers to the theory of European unity. He has stated that only

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under a United States of Europe can the continent hope to survive in the future. Similarly, he has said that he believes that if the West German government ever swung too far to the left, UTILITY would make an attempt to break his ties and to return to the KUBARK fold. My impression is that @ FRIESEN is more reconstructed in his political orientation than are a number of his colleagues. On the other hand, he is a national German and, at least to a certain extent, a German Nationalist. One of the things which seems to have influenced his thinking greatly is his participation in the DRACO VII trip. Being inclined to serious thought, @ FRIESEN brought back the impression that the U. S. is insuperable in industrial might and is probably an unconquerable land mass. The degree to which this has influenced his political thinking is unknown. But there are definite signs that it has influenced his professional conduct--to the extent of making him more cooperative.

7. @ FRIESEN enjoys a peculiar close relationship to UTILITY. While he is not one of UTILITY's "boys" in the sense of having served with him during the war, he appears to have made a rapid rise prestige-wise within UPSWING and now certainly enjoys a great measure of UTILITY's confidence (cf., UTILITY's remark about the importance of D-DROLLERY # 1500 and the fact that @ FRIESEN has now been entrusted with the handling of [REDACTED]). He sees UTILITY rather frequently for a desk officer. He is now faced with the problem of surviving Civil Service examinations to achieve the rank of Oberregierungsrat for which his slot calls. He expects difficulty in passing the examination; on the other hand, he is in a fairly good position since he studied law. My hunch would be that in the years to come @ FRIESEN will emerge as one of two things (a) a leading and influential member of the UPSWING hierarchy who occupies a position of relatively high rank, or (b) a case officer of more than normal stature within the organization whose main responsibility will be to handle delicate matters. Even given the clumsy nature of the German Civil Service regulations, I believe that @ FRIESEN will rise within UPSWING. It is obvious that his ambition is at least to do just this. On the other hand, I have seen no evidence to prove that he is engaged in internal politicking to push his cause forward. My impression is rather that he is relying on his ability as a professional intelligence officer to gain recognition. It is worthwhile to note that @ FRIESEN is shooting for ORR at a relatively early age.

8. @ FRIESEN has several times made the request that we stay in personal touch following my departure from POB. I have given him my permanent home address in the U.S. through which he can reach me.

9. In sum, @ FRIESEN is a difficult character to describe. His ambition and his dedication to his work dominate his life. He can be reserved, sly, shrewd, imaginative and energetic. His personality is not a warm one and there are few endearing traits in his makeup. On the other hand, on a professional basis, he can be most pleasant to deal with. He is a man who apparently ties his personal future to the West and has made the decision to fight Communist ideologies and practice within the best framework available to him, i.e., UPSWING. It would not be surprising to see him emerge in a few years as one of the leading members of the organization, either officially by virtue of his rank, or unofficially through the fact that he has gained the ears of those who hold power.